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SUBJECT: SMI/SFCP - TRAVEL OF THOMAS SODERSTROM,
SMITHSONIAN BOTANIST

1. DR. THOMAS R. SODERSTROM, CURATOR OF GRASSES, DEPT. OF BOTANY, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, A SPECIALIST IN BAMBOOS OF THE TROPICS, HAS BEEN INVITED BY DR. S.K. JAIN, JOINT DIRECTOR OF THE BOTANICAL SURVEY OF INDIA, CALCUTTA, TO TRAVEL TO INDIA SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER 1978, TO EXAMINE COLLECTIONS, LECTURE ON BAMBOOS AND VISIT VARIOUS BAMBOO GROWING REGIONS IN INDIA WHERE HE WOULD STUDY SPECIMENS AND MAKE FIELD COLLECTIONS. BAMBOOS ARE ECONOMICALLY IMPORTANT PLANTS WHICH PROVIDE 70 PERCENT OF THE PAPER-MAKING PULP IN INDIA.

2. DR. SODERSTROM WOULD EXPECT TO VISIT DEHRA DUN (FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE), LUCKNOW (NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDEN) CALCUTTA (BOTANICAL SURVEY OF INDIA, HERBARIUM, AND BOTANIC GARDEN), COIMBATORE, AND THE MIZORAM HILLS OF ASSAM. DR. JAIN IS ARRANGING HIS ITINERARY.

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3. UPON COMPLETION OF HIS VISIT TO INDIA DR. SODERSTROM WILL TRAVEL TO CEYLON TO COMPLETE A MANUSCRIPT ON THE GRASSES OF CEYLON. FIELD OBSERVATIONS IN INDIA WILL

CONTRIBUTE TO HIS TAXONOMIC STUDIES IN CEYLON.

4. IF THE EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO DR.
SODERSTROM'S VISIT, SMI/SFCP WILL AUTHORIZE INTERNATIONAL
TRAVEL AND MAINTENANCE WHILE IN INDIA.

5. IF SODERSTROM TRAVEL APPROVED SMI WOULD LIKE TO SEND
A LIMITED AMOUNT OF FIELD EQUIPMENT IN CARE OF EMBASSY
FOR SODERSTROM'S USE IN INDIA. VANCE

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